MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know what preventive measures have been adopted in those areas ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It is the idea of Government to extend the control measures to all parts of the country where malaria is rampant.

MR P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether any measures have been adopted in these areas ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Sir, the control work is in progress and the idea of the Department is to extend the work to all those areas also.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ താലൂക്കിലെ സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരോട് മന്നാൻകണ്ടത്തിലേക്കാവശ്യമുള്ള കുടയിന വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യുമോ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യാം. പക്ഷേ കുടയിനം കൊണ്ടുപോയി ആരും വിറ്റുകളയരുത്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ മുമ്പായിൽ തന്നെ കുടയിനം വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യുമോ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: ചെയ്യാം.

Filaria in Eraniel.

211 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the population of the conservancy town of Eraniel;

(*b*) the total number of males in that town who are affected by filaria;

(*c*) the total number of females in that town who are affected by filaria;

(*d*) the measures, if any, taken by the Government to check the spread of the disease in the locality;

(*e*) whether the disease is spreading in other parts of Kalkulam taluk; and

(*f*) whether the Director of Public Health Department visited that locality since the last budget session of the Assembly ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) The member is referred to page 10 Part II of the report of the last Census.

(*b*) 335 approximately.

(*c*) 265 approximately.

(*d*) Control measures were started in 1109; but they had to be given up as Government wanted to concentrate preventive effort in certain areas.

(*e*) Government have no information.

(*f*) No.

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MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, with reference to answer to part (b) and (c), may I know why the Government have not ascertained the actual number of persons affected by filariasis ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Sir, the Department has conducted a house to house survey and it has been ascertained that about 110 persons show infection by this disease.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: With reference to answer to part (d) of my question, may I know the nature of the control measures that were started in the year 1109 ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: General mosquito control measures were effected at that time.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know, what was actually done?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : Actually, spraying of oil was done at that time.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, in answer to part (f) of my question, may I know why, even after the fact of the prevalence of filaria in those areas was brought to the notice of this House during the last Budget Session the Director was not kind enough to visit those localities ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Sir, the fact was brought to the notice of this House and the Department was also anxious to do control measures in those areas. But, I am sorry to say that owing to certain circumstances, I have not been able to start control measures there. The Director has not purposely omitted these areas from the programme of his tour. He has visited several places in Eraniel.

Visit of Mr. Gillson from America.

212. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Gillson from America toured in Travancore at Government expense during the year 1115:

(*b*) what was the purpose of his tour:

(*c*) what amount was spent by Government ;

(*d*) which all places he visited ; and

(*e*) whether he has submitted any report to the Government and, if so, a copy of the same may be furnished ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Investigation of cement raw materials, graphite, mica and other mineral resources.

(*c*) All the bills relating to the expenditure have not been received.

(*d*) Puliyarakkonam, Chengalloor, Kizhanguvilai, Midalam, Appiyode, Vellanad, Mangamalai, Aramboly, Watiakottai, Cape Comorin, Warkalay, Nedungolam, Punalur, Shencottah, Kundara, Alleppey, Munnar and Peermade.

(*e*) Yes. The report is treated as confidential for the present.

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